

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

April 9, 2012

City of Chula Vista, Executive Conference Room 103
276 Fourth Avenue

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chair Rahimzadeh at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Coleman, Davis, Kappes, Vargas, and Chair Rahimzadeh

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Romo, excused

MOTION TO EXCUSE: Commissioner Davis was excused from the March 12th meeting.

STAFF PRESENT: Environmental Services Program Manager France, Environmental Resource Specialist Castagnola, Office Specialist Didonato, and Sr. Secretary Fields

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of March 12th, 2012 were approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Chula Vista resident Betsy Cory complimented staff on the native plants that had recently been planted on the steep slope on the north side of Orange Avenue east of Melrose, and in the median on East H Street near Southwestern College.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Earth Month Proclamation

Environmental Services Program Manager Lynn France stated that the comments from the previous meeting had been incorporated into the draft Proclamation, and that it was being presented to the commission for one last review. They reiterated that the commission would be present at the Council meeting to receive the Proclamation as a group, and then they briefly discussed some of the changes incorporated.

As a related issue to one of the Proclamation items, Chair Rahimzadeh suggested adding the Shade Tree planting item on the next agenda so that the group could discuss selecting a date.

2. New Virtual Warehouse

Office Specialist Dave Didonato explained the details of a new program to manage office supplies, and stated that it was modeled after a San Francisco program. He added that it is an exchange system where one department or staff person can turn in unneeded supplies that another department or staff person might want. He added that the purpose of the program is to support the City's Continuous Improvement Program, to reduce cost, and to reduce waste. Staff explained the related 5S Program of organizing work areas, and staff member Didonato gave a demonstration of the program's website.

3. Appliance Exchange Rebate Program's Final Results

Environmental Resource Specialist Michelle Castagnola went over the results of the rebate program, which ran from April 22, 2010 to April 4, 2012. She stated that during that two year period, the City gave out \$181,000 in rebates, with the average rebate being \$74. The number of appliances exchanged was 2,452, and the total amount of receipts and shopping done with these purchases was just under 4 million dollars.

Castagnola also discussed the number of megawatt hours saved by the appliance exchanges, and the number of million cubic feet of gas and water saved. Other savings she discussed were the amounts of fuel oil, CO2 equivalent, and Criteria Pollutants (the air quality index) reduced. She stated that overall, the program had had a positive economic impact, served to get older inefficiency appliances off the grid, and helped to meet some CO2 standards and standards of particulates in the air.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

Environmental Services Program Manager France announced that the Public Works Department had submitted five applications to the American Public Works Association for Public Works Project of the Year and that two Parks projects had been recognized as Projects of the Year. They were San Miguel Park and All Seasons Park. San Miguel Park was cited for its unique contrast of high energy activities within a relaxed natural setting, and All Seasons Park was recognized for its design, which allowed for various activities in a setting where individuals could enjoy the changing seasons. The other Project of the Year was the Solar Panel project in the parking lot, and Program Manager France stated that several other City projects had received honorable mention.

CHAIR COMMENTS


Chair Rahimzadeh asked for an update on the items on the Future Items list at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Coleman stated that the Wildlife Advisory Group had had a presentation on sea level rise, which took the San Diego Foundation's study out fifty years further to one hundred years. He added that it was shocking to see how much higher the sea level could be in another fifty years and how much area along Chula Vista would be inundated.
- Commissioner Coleman's comments led to an inquiry by Chair Rahimzadeh on Bayfront development, and Environmental Services Program Manager France suggested having Development Services give a presentation on the City's development projects at a future RCC meeting. The Commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 4:00 pm in Executive Conference Room 103, Building 300, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:



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